

## FRENCH POILU CARRIES MUCH BUT FINDS SPACE TO CARRY MORE

Idah McGlone Gibson Tells of Inborn Courtesy of French Ally.

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Somebody is always asking me when they find that I have been in France with the Red Cross.

"What do they think of us over there?" I must answer to that.

"We have got our work cut out for us if we line up to what the French people think of us. I met no French poilu that did not salute the Cross of Crismen on the front of my hat. The Red Cross is to him what General Pershing called it.

"One grows to admire the French poilu as no other soldier. He is so simple-minded and sincere. When I saw the first poilu getting out of the train at Paris on their 'permissions' I immediately realized how apt was some wit's definition of poilu. It was not the literal 'bearded one,' which is not always applicable, but 'something to hang things on,' which described perfectly a poilu coming or going to the front. He always has more innumerable cups and pans hanging to his back besides his 70 pounds of war equipment, while his pockets bulge, and his arms are full of all sorts of trinkets—souvenirs of battle, if he is coming home, and things to eat, if he is going back to the trenches.

"I personally met the poilu my second day in Paris when I started for Evian, where I was to see the repatriates returning to France.

"My train left Paris at 9 o'clock in the evening, and I found it impossible to get a taxi to take me to the station, and so I tried the 'metro,' as they call the underground railway.

"I knew I could not depend upon my French to get me very far, consequently I was rather nervous as I took my seat across from a splendid poilu with everything on him back but the kitchen stove and numerous bundles of unwieldy size grouped about him.

"He looked at the Red Cross on the front of my hat, and rose to his feet and solemnly saluted.

"I managed to get enough French at my tongue's end to ask him to tell me when we arrived at the Gare de l'Est, and was answered by a flow of language that left me absolutely powerless to say another word.

"I gathered, however, more from his gestures than his words, that he was going there also and would see that I was all right.

"In a few moments he added my traveling roll and bag to his own bundles, and started off with another outburst of unintelligible language.

"I followed meekly, and at last found myself planted in front of a ticket window, through which I thrust my passport and my permit to go to Evian. It seemed, however, that I did not have my card of identification, consequently the man behind the gate said he could not sell me a ticket.

"I tried to explain in English that I did not know I had to have the minor paper, but was not able to compete with the eloquence and rapidity of the ticket-seller's French.

"At last my poilu took a hand, pointing to my hat, he shouted long sentences in which I could occasionally catch the words, 'Le Croix Rouge, Americaine Militaire.'

"At one time I thought there was going to be a battle right there at the window, but the poilu finally wearied the ticket seller out, and with a shrug, he gave me my ticket.

"My poilu evidently thought I was not to be trusted out of his sight, so he grabbed my bags again and made for the gate, leading to the train.

"There he was stopped, for my tick-



## NIGHT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY

Commercial Department Will be Kept Going for Some Time Longer.

The evening school which has been conducted at the high school will be brought to a close on next Tuesday evening, March 19, after a successful five months course. The Commercial department however, will be continued as long as there is a demand for such instruction, probably well into the summer.

The various courses of the evening school have been well attended and much good has been accomplished through these departments.

Perhaps the most popular course has been the commercial courses such as shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping, these having had a large number of students enrolled and much interest has been manifested by the pupils who are progressing nicely in these studies.

The school has been carried on under the direction of City Superintendent of Schools, Otis G. Wilson and Principal George H. Colebank, assisted by Miss Katherine Morgan. The various courses have been taught by teachers of the high school and the ward schools.

**WOMAN'S SHOP TO MOVE.**  
The Woman's Shop owned by Mrs. Minnie M. Martin will be moved from its present quarters in the Shaw-Carpenter apartments on the corner of Jackson and Monroe streets to the adjoining apartment across the hallway which is the corner apartment with exposure on both Jackson and Monroe streets.

**To Initiate Class—White Oak Camp.**  
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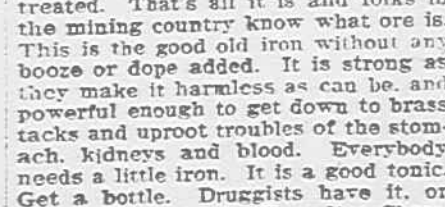
"I know all about indigestion troubles. I had gas to form on my stomach and give me belching for hours at a time. I couldn't eat and food seemed to do me absolutely no good," says Thos. S. Halstead, of Ramsey, W. Va.

"I had indigestion bad," continues Mr. Halstead. "I had Acid Iron Mineral recommended to me and I'm mighty glad to give that medicine a boost myself now because it sure fixes indigestion. It did the trick for me almost in a day. I'm feeling O. K. and fit as a fiddle and can eat anything. I've used it and seen so many others cured by using it I gladly recommend it to the sky," continues this well known farmer.

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## Woman's Club Annual Election on Today

Election polls for the annual election of officers of the Woman's Club opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Masonic Temple where the club meeting convened at 3 o'clock for the usual program. A vocal solo by Miss Edna Jacobs, and reports of the chairman of departments and committees will feature the program.

Nominations for officers were made at a previous meeting as follows: For President, Mrs. J. Frank Ritchie.

For Vice President, Mrs. J. Walter Barnes. Mrs. Francis E. Nichols.

For Second Vice President, Mrs. L. N. Yost. Mrs. George Price.

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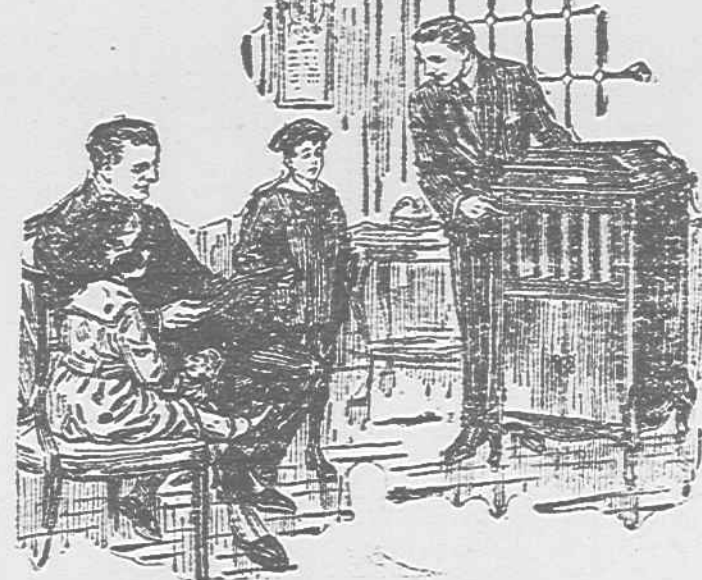
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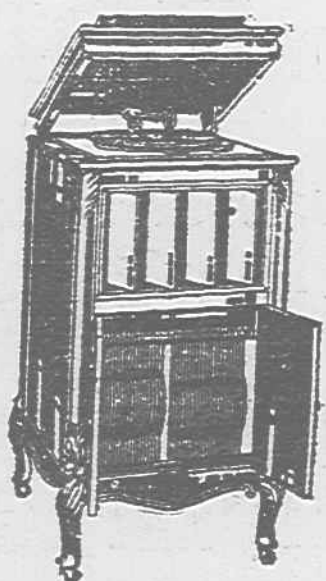
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